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# United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97298346

Mark: SWFT LUX

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# NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

**Response deadline.** File a response to this nonfinal Office action within three months of the "Issue date" below to avoid <u>abandonment</u> of the application. Review the Office action and respond using one of the links to the appropriate electronic forms in the "How to respond" section below.

**Request an extension.** For a fee, applicant may request one three-month extension of the response deadline prior to filing a response. The request must be filed within three months of the "Issue date" below. If the extension request is granted, the USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within six months of the "Issue date" to avoid abandonment of the application.

**Issue date:** December 22, 2022

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney to resolve the issues in this Office

*action.* Although the USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions, communication by phone or email is permissible to agree to proposed amendments to the application that will immediately place the application in condition for publication, registration, or suspension. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.62(c); TMEP §707.

#### NO CONFLICTING MARKS NOTED

The trademark examining attorney has searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

#### **SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

- IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS Partial Requirement
- ADVISORY PARTIAL ABANDONMENT IF NO RESPONSE FILED

# **IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS - Partial Requirement**

THIS PARTIAL REQUIREMENT APPLIES ONLY TO THE GOODS SPECIFIED THEREIN

The identification of goods and/or services, as amended in the preliminary amendment filed April 22, 2022, contains brackets in the entry "lighters for smokers [cigarette lighters] [not for automobiles]."

Generally, an applicant should *not* use parentheses and brackets, including curly brackets, in identifications in order to avoid confusion with the USPTO's practice of using parentheses and brackets in registrations to indicate (1) goods and/or services that have been deleted from registrations, (2) goods and/or services not claimed in an affidavit of incontestability, or (3) guidance to users of the USPTO's *U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual* to draft an acceptable identification. *See* TMEP §§1402.04, 1402.12. The only exception for including parenthetical information in identifications is if it serves to explain or translate the matter immediately preceding the parenthetical phrase in such a way that it does not affect the clarity or scope of the identification, e.g., "fried tofu pieces (abura-age)." *See* TMEP §1402.12.

Therefore, applicant must remove the brackets from the identification and incorporate any parenthetical or bracketed information into the description of the goods and/or services.

Applicant may amend the identification to the following, if accurate: **cigarette lighters for smokers, not for automobiles**.

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable *U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual. See* TMEP §1402.04.

Applicant's goods and/or services may be clarified or limited, but may not be expanded beyond those originally itemized in the application or as acceptably amended. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Applicant may clarify or limit the identification by inserting qualifying language or deleting items to result in a more specific identification; however, applicant may not substitute different goods

and/or services or add goods and/or services not found or encompassed by those in the original application or as acceptably amended. *See* TMEP §1402.06(a)-(b). The scope of the goods and/or services sets the outer limit for any changes to the identification and is generally determined by the ordinary meaning of the wording in the identification. TMEP §\$1402.06(b), 1402.07(a)-(b). Any acceptable changes to the goods and/or services will further limit scope, and once goods and/or services are deleted, they are not permitted to be reinserted. TMEP §1402.07(e).

#### ADVISORY - PARTIAL ABANDONMENT IF NO RESPONSE FILED

If applicant does not respond to this Office action within the six-month period for response, the following goods and/or services in International Class(es) 34 will be deleted from the application: lighters for smokers [cigarette lighters] [not for automobiles].

The application will then proceed with the following goods and/or services in International Class(es) 34 only:

International Class 034: Cigarettes; Cigarette tobacco; Electronic cigarette boxes; Electronic cigarettes; Electronic cigarettes for use as an alternative to traditional cigarettes; Flavorings, other than essential oils, for use in electronic cigarettes; Liquid nicotine solutions for use in electronic cigarettes; Rolling tobacco; Tobacco filters

See 37 C.F.R. §2.65(a)-(a)(1); TMEP §718.02(a).

# INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS ACTION

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although an examining attorney cannot provide legal advice, the examining attorney can provide additional explanation about the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

The USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions; however, emails can be used for informal communications and are included in the application record. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05.

**How to respond.** File a <u>response form to this nonfinal Office action</u> or file a <u>request form for an</u> extension of time to file a response.

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# RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- Missing the deadline for responding to this letter will cause the application to abandon. A response or extension request must be received by the USPTO before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time of the last day of the response deadline. Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) system availability could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond. For help resolving technical issues with TEAS, email <a href="mailto:TEAS@uspto.gov">TEAS@uspto.gov</a>.
- Responses signed by an unauthorized party are not accepted and can cause the application to abandon. If applicant does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant. If applicant has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
- If needed, **find** contact information for the supervisor of the office or unit listed in the signature block.

# **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**

# **USPTO OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Office Action (Official Letter) has issued on December 22, 2022 for U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97298346

A USPTO examining attorney has reviewed your trademark application and issued an Office action. You must respond to this Office action to avoid your application abandoning. Follow the steps below.

- (1) **Read the Office action**. This email is NOT the Office action.
- (2) **Respond to the Office action by the deadline** using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Your response, or extension request, must be received by the USPTO on or before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response deadline. Otherwise, your application will be <u>abandoned</u>. See the Office action itself regarding how to respond.
- (3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO <u>website</u>, the application process, the status of your application, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the <u>Trademark Assistance Center (TAC)</u>.

After reading the Office action, address any question(s) regarding the specific content to the USPTO examining attorney identified in the Office action.

# GENERAL GUIDANCE

- <u>Check the status</u> of your application periodically in the <u>Trademark Status & Document Retrieval (TSDR)</u> database to avoid missing critical deadlines.
- <u>Update your correspondence email address</u> to ensure you receive important USPTO notices about your application.
- Beware of trademark-related scams. Protect yourself from people and companies that may try to take financial advantage of you. Private companies may call you and pretend to be the USPTO or may send you communications that resemble official USPTO documents to trick you. We will never request your credit card number or social security number over the phone. Verify the correspondence originated from us by using your serial number in our database, <a href="TSDR">TSDR</a>, to confirm that it appears under the "Documents" tab, or contact the <a href="Trademark Assistance Center">Trademark Assistance Center</a>.
- Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney. If you do not have an attorney and are not required to

have one under the trademark rules, we encourage you to hire a U.S.-licensed attorney specializing in trademark law to help guide you through the registration process. The USPTO examining attorney is not your attorney and cannot give you legal advice, but rather works for and represents the USPTO in trademark matters.